GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6211
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2003
TOWING OF VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles towed away by the traffic police during the last one year in Delhi, district-wise;

(b) the number of challans made by Delhi Police during the said period, district-wise;

(c) the mechanism followed by the police to convey the owner of the vehicle about the towing away of his vehicle;

(d) the procedure followed for release of the towed vehicles;

(e) whether it is a fact that most of the vehicles towed are let off after extracting money from the unsuspecting innocent vehicle owners; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to streamline and make the system corruption free to save the vehicle owners from victimization by the traffic police?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): The requisite information is given below:

S.No.	District	Number of Vehicles towed away		Number of cases Prosecuted	
		2002	2003 (upto 30th April, 2003	2002	2003 (upto 30th April, 2003
1.	South	29538	9718	29538	9718
2.	South-west	12207	3570	12207	3570
3.	West	18397	5350	18397	5350
4.	North	29505	6690	29505	6690
5.	Central	28714	8341	28714	8341
6.	North-West	11771	3829	11771	3829
7	New Delhi	16434	5158	16434	5158
8.	East	6242	1431	6242	1431
9.	North-East	2081	666	2081	666
	Total	154889	44753	154889	44753

(C): Before towing away the offending motor vehicles, the traffic staff on duty makes suitable announcements on the Public Address system fitted on the towing vehicle. In addition, the notice boards have been installed at appropriate locations which carry information about the place to which the towed vehicle is generally taken.

(d): The towed away vehicles are released only after compounding the offence and on payment of the towing charges as prescribed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): The steps taken to streamline the system include setting up of an independent Public Relations and Grievances Cell in Delhi Traffic Police to enquire into complaints relating to corruption/harassment by Delhi Traffic Police officials; conducting frequent surprise checks by vigilance squads; and punishing those found indulging in malpractices.